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BOX SUBSTRUCTURE

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
(SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION)**

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration (Submission With Request For Continued Examination) in response to the final Office action mailed on January 24, 2008. The shortened statutory period for response to the final Office action is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by April 24, 2008, and thus, this response is timely. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Argument begin on page 6 of this paper.